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WEATHER REPORT.
Western Oregon and Washington—Rain.
Eastern Oregon and Washington, Idaho—Generally fair.

RULE OF REINFORCEMENT.

Among the policies and procedures whereby a city lifts and expands and grows, is that of reinforcing its attitude by the assumption of prerogatives, which, while not available, for the moment, are of inestimable advantage when the hour for their use and application arises. And thus it may be with the Port of Astoria provision, now underway.

We may not be ready to employ it off hand, and may be glad to wait on other developments before we invoke its terms and privileges, as a matter of civic, or commercial, expediency; but when the day comes from us to use it, we do not want to deplore the absence of all right and precedence and confess ourselves beaten for the want of its authority and utility. We want the order and custom of the thing at our hand when the moment of expediency shall arise, so that we may go forward and claim that which is ours in law, working and fighting on the sound ground of legality and efficacious equipment.

We should strengthen our municipal and commercial prestige wherever we can do so under the sanction of the law, since every such acquisition gives us an additional grip on unforeseen circumstances and emergencies. It is a good policy; and though we take over a prerogative that may not serve us at the given hour, what harm will its investiture do anyone? What if it lay idle for years? Who suffers anything from it during its inoperative term?

In this particular matter of the port, we do not expect it to lay dormant for years. We expect to make good and timely use of it and employ it for the upbuilding of the port and city. This presentation of the case is made simply in response to those who are always inclined to meet such issues, here, with the everlasting question, "Oh! What's the use?"

THE CLASS GAUNTLET.

Everything from Paris is not to be believed, of course; but the press despatch from there on Saturday last, anent the attitude of J. P. Morgan on the cause, and results, of the late "rich man's panic" and attributing it to a preconcerted conspiracy among the men of his class to settle, once for all, the differences and distinctions between capital and labor and, naturally, to the disadvantage and even the submergence of the working classes, has a tone and significance that demands either prompt denial or as prompt confirmation.

The statements alleged to have been made by him are very weighty, in the light of Mr. Morgan's admitted supremacy in the world of finance and if true, amount to an open challenge of the most unambiguous kind. He casts down the gauntlet of capitalistic conviction and declares war to the knife; and does it in terms such as only one in his exalted position would dare to do it. Talks glibly about "submission or starvation" and employs other short-cut language to convey the full meaning he and his colleagues have decided to acclaim.

There is but one of two things deducible from such statements as his; either Mr. Morgan has been played upon by the magazine writers until he has utterly lost his head in the whirl of their fawning adulation and is talking in unison with the folly they inspired; or he is all they claim to be, and more, and is at the head of a combination of wealthy repre-

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HAS
MONEY TO LOAN ON GOOD SECURITY

sentatives to do just the work he has outlined and for which the late "panic" was inaugurated as a primary step.

Each man in the country must read the declaration for himself and draw the safest conclusions he may; but we believe that if such is the real condition of affairs, and such the real purpose of the rich leaders of the country, and they are possessed of the temerity to proceed with the program, there will be, while it lasts, a season of an inconceivable hell in this land.

A PACIFIC COAST RECORD.

There was a day when, if Astoria had dared to claim a record for immunity from crime and the aspects of crime, she would have been laughed down, from Sitka to San Diego; but that day is long past and now she comes forward with a claim to being the cleanest port on the Pacific Coast in so far as actual crime is concerned. For a seaport of 15,000 people, with hundreds of strangers, sailors and shoremen, entering here each week, she has less to be ashamed of than any place of her kind between the two ports first named, in the way of great or petty crimes.

This is not the say-so of a partial few of her home-people, but is based on the quotations of those men whose business it is to make all the ports of the coast and to know the relative access of crime in each; and we are proud of the estimates reached in favor of Astoria and hasten to make the best possible use of them, in justification of the newer program she has instituted for her evolution from a status she bore once and too long; but which has been lifted in the past two years and fallen from her like a mantle cast aside. It is no small victory, this, and she is not to be denied credit for her emancipation.

ONLY TWENTY-TWO MORE.

It is said there are twenty-two land-fraud cases to be disposed of in Portland, and that they are due in court for trial in April next. We hope the batch will not be held up and strung out over the year, but that all may be disposed of promptly, either by dismissal or such actual trial results as shall definitely and finally oust them from public notice. The people of Oregon are wearying of the eternal wrangle and wordy warfare incident to this mess, and will hail its end with cordial satisfaction.

EDITORIAL SALAD

The mikado seems to have set out to give American statesmen and diplomats a few lessons in the art of jolly. Lesson number one is an order issued by the Japanese Government which, among other things, absolutely prohibits emigration to the Hawaiian Islands, expecting relatives of Japanese already there. The class in Washington is trying to figure out how many millions of relatives the six hundred or so "Japs" in Hawaii probably have.

Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy travels with all the precaution that attends the czar of Russia. Why all this all this caution? Surely, no one wants to dynamite the venerable discoverer of Christian Science.

"Autos" may damage roads as the N. Y. State engineer claims; but there can be no doubt about the assertion that motor cars have done more for improving highways than anything in a century.

The commercial travelers are now going to give attention to securing steel passenger coaches. They hold that the metal casket has demonstrated advantages over the wooden coffin.

Freezing of Morse by his "undigested" Ice securities seems about complete, now that the Bank of North America is to liquidate.

General Juneau, the head of the Haitian revolutionists, has lost his head. It was a trifle hand on the general but it may bring peace to Haiti.

MURDER MYSTERY.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 10.—An examination of the skeleton found Saturday at Elmhurst shows the corpse to be that of a man of probably 45 years of age and of medium build. A minute inspection of the bones was made yesterday by Dr. R. H. Eveleth of Elmhurst who found unmistakable evidence of murder, the skull had been fractured above the left ear and the bones cut clean as though the man had been dealt a terrific blow with some sharp weapon, such as an axe or hatchet. The legs and arms had been hacked from the trunk, the head had been cut off and the body had been buried in quick lime.

Every effort is to be made by the coroner to clear up the mystery that surrounds the case.

SIMPLE WASH CURES ECZEMA.

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Great inventors often have been praised for surrendering the secrets of their discoveries. Practically the same thing happening in the medical world in the case of Dr. Decatur D. Dennis, the eminent skin specialist of Chicago.

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RESCUED WITH BOAT HOOKS.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—Rescue of a drowning man who had leaped into the water for the purpose, it is supposed, of ending his life, was witnessed yesterday by passengers on two East River ferry boats. While in mid-stream on the ferry boat John English of the Forty Second street line, Christian Tent of Williamsburg, sixty years old, threw himself over the railing. Passengers on the English threw life preservers to him and the crew of the ferry boat Jamacia of the Houston street line, passing nearby, rescued him with boat hooks.

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WHAT LITTLE MARY WANTED.

And the Rather Unusual Manner in Which She Got It.

A former resident of Astoria, now living in another part of the state, was in town the other day, and told this interesting story:

It seems that a little girl, Mary Turner by name, had the misfortune to be motherless, her mother having died in her infancy. It caused her a great deal of secret grief to note the comfort and happiness other girls derived from the love and companionship of their mothers, and she gradually came to the conclusion that in some way or other she must get a mother of her own.

She spoke to her father about it, but he only laughed at her and she was considerably puzzled as to how she should go about acquiring so desirable if not necessary an adjunct to the family.

Her father was a merchant, a firm believer in advertising and an enthusiast on the subject—Mary had often heard him tell of the splendid results it brought him—so the little girl finally concluded that the way to get a mother must be to advertise for one.

She wrote out a brief, simple advertisement, stating her "want" and giving her name and address, and handed it to her father, telling him to put it in the paper.

Of course, he took it as a great joke, and, happening in the office of a friend of his, a newspaper publisher, showed him the advertisement, and told him the story. Then they went out to lunch together, not noticing that they had left little Mary's piece of copy on the newspaper man's desk.

Somebody around the place, who either did not know any better or who thought it would be a good joke, found it, put it in with the other classified advertising "copy" and the next day little Mary's "Want" appeared before the astonished eyes of the community.

Of course, it created an immense amount of amusement at the father's expense, and for the next week or two he was almost afraid to show himself on the street on account of the sarcastic remarks and embarrassing questions of his friends and acquaintances.

By a strange coincidence a copy of the paper found its way to a distant state and came into the hands of an old sweetheart of Mary's father. She noted the similarity of the name, and could not help speculating a good deal as to the identity of the little advertiser.

She could not dismiss the subject from her mind or resist the temptation of taking some means to find out the facts in the matter, and as a result—well of course you know what the result must have been, or otherwise this story would not have been worth the telling.

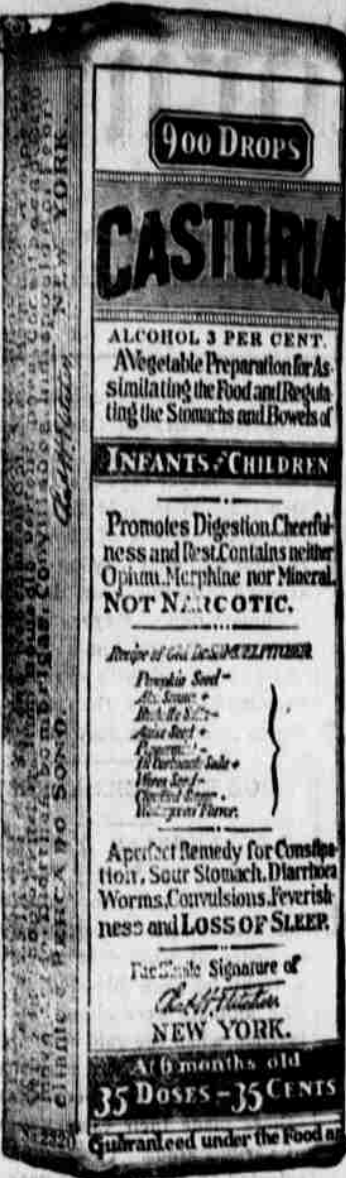
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HOLDS UP SIX.

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